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Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450  
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Dear Sir:

**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

In respect of the Notice of Allowability mailed on April 11, 2007, the Applicants thank the Examiner for the allowance of claims 23, 24, 45, 46, 48, 49, 52, and 53.

Regarding the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance in the paragraph bridging pages 2 and 3 of the Notice of Allowability, the Applicants respectfully submit that not all of the features identified by the Examiner are necessarily essential for patentability of the claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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